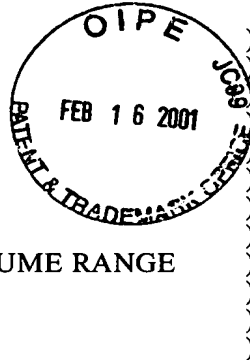


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of  
John PHILPSSON et al.  
Application No.: 09/588,462  
Filed: June 6, 2000  
For: LOUDSPEAKER VOLUME RANGE  
CONTROL



Group Art Unit: 2748  
Examiner: Unassigned

RECEIVED  
FEB 21 2001  
Technology Center 2600

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and accompanying form PTO-1449 for the above-identified patent application.

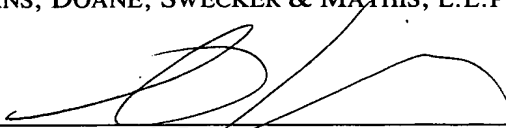
- ☒ [X] No additional fee for submission of an IDS is required.
- ☐ [ ] The fee of \$180.00 (126) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is also enclosed.
- ☐ [ ] A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) is also enclosed.
- ☐ [ ] A certification under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), and the fee of \$180.00 (126) as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are also enclosed.
- ☐ [ ] Charge \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800 for the fee due.
- ☐ [ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17 and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620

By:   
Stephen W. Palan  
Registration No. 43,420

Date: February 16, 2001

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of )

John PHILPSSON et al. )

Application No.: 09/588,462 )

Filed: June 6, 2000 )

For: LOUDSPEAKER VOLUME RANGE )  
CONTROL )



) Group Art Unit: 2748

) Examiner: Unassigned

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants hereby submit the following information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the documents cited is enclosed.

U.S. Patent No. 5,570,423

U.S. Patent No. 5,359,653

U.S. Patent No. 4,891,837

U.S. Patent No. 4,396,799

EP 0878949 A 2

WO 98/30009

WO 97/38552

WO 96/32776

EP 0765066 A 2

WO 96/22651

EP 0719027 A 2

EP 0731593 A 2

EP 0564164 A 1

JP 58125948

GB 20592222 A

FR 2 461 412

Search Report; British Patent Application GB 9913236.7

International Search Report for Corresponding Application PCT/EP 00/04242.

The documents are being submitted within 3 months of the filing or entry of the national stage of this application or before the first Office Action on the merits, whichever is later, therefore no fee or certification is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b).

This Information Disclosure Statement contains information which is not in the English language but was cited in a search report or other action by a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application. In accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609 A(3) an English language version of the search report or action which indicates the degree of relevance found by the foreign office is being submitted herewith.

To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

BURNS, DOANE, SWECKER & MATHIS, L.L.P.

By: 

Stephen W. Palan  
Registration No. 43,420

P.O. Box 1404  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1404  
(703) 836-6620

Date: February 16, 2001